## Heloise

Hints from Heloise

# Oil soap cleans wood cabinets

Dear Heloise: I have beautiful STAINED OAK CABINETS in my kitchen. The cabinets closest to the oven feel very sticky, even though I wipe them all the time. What is the best way to clean them without harming the stain or the cabinets? -Debbie, via email

The best way to clean them is to use the mildest solution first. Wash the cabinets with a microfiber cloth dipped in a mild solution of a vegetable-oil soap and warm water.

Wipe going in the direction of the grain, then wipe with a clean cloth with water only and dry. Another is, of course, vinegar and water! Just mix 1 part white or apple-cider vinegar with 2 parts water. Then clean as above. Vinegar is a must in every household, and I would not be without a jug in our kitchen! There are just bundles of money-saving hints available to you in my popular pamphlet that's all about vinegar. For your own copy, send \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (64 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Vinegar alone works to clean up your barbecuegrill food buildup. Spritz it on and scrub with some scrunched-up aluminum foil. - Heloise

### TRAVEL HINT

Dear Heloise: Every time I get ready to pack for a trip, I take time to go through my wallet and purse. There's no reason to bring departmentstore-type credit cards or reward cards to my destination. I empty out as much as possible, and then if anything happens, there's less I have to report missing. - Jessica G. in Chicago

#### LOCAL FOOD-BANK HELP

Dear Heloise: A great way for you to restock your food-bank organizations is when your retailer advertises "Buy One Get One Free" or 10 for \$10, be sure to purchase and give the extra items to your local food banks. - Becky D., via email

#### NOTES FOR FAMILY

Dear Heloise: I have found the one sure place my children and husband will find my notes for them when I have to be away for the day: I write on the bathroom mirror with a dry-erase marker. This is the first place they go upon waking up and coming home from school or work. I leave the marker close by, and they can respond if needed, such as "I'll be home at midnight" or "Don't wait up for me." - Cathy, Hagerstown, Md.

#### HARD-COOKED EGGS

Dear Heloise: I like having hard-cooked eggs on hand, and I have a great way to store them. After they are done and ready to return to the refrigerator, I simply tear or cut the top of the carton off and put the eggs in.

This way, they will not be mistaken for uncooked if I want to have a carton of raw eggs for cooking. It is neat and orderly. - Susan K., Dewey, Ariz.

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#### **Bridge** • Steve Becker

You are South, neither side vulnerable. The bidding has been: South West North East Pass 1 🏚 Pass Pass Pass

What would you now bid with each of the following five hands? 1. ♠ KJ5 ♥ 7 ♦ Q83 ♣ AKQ642 2. **♠** A9 ♥ J75 ♦ 6 ♣ AKQJ954

3. ♠ AK8 ♥ K83 ♦ 2 ♣ AQJ875 4. ♠ A7 ♥ Q62 ♦ K8 ♣ AKJ982 5. ★ 6 ♥ Q954 ★ AK ♣ AQJ1043

#### **Bidding Quiz**

1. Three spades. The only other bids to consider are three notrump and four clubs, but neither would paint as accurate a picture as three spades.

A three-notrump bid would miss the mark on several counts. To begin with, it would be dangerous to play at this contract, since the opponents might be able to collect five (or more) diamond tricks at the outset. Also, three notrump would conceal your support for spades. Partner should have five spades in this sequence, so you are obliged to show three-card support at this point. A four-club rebid would be wrong for the same reason.

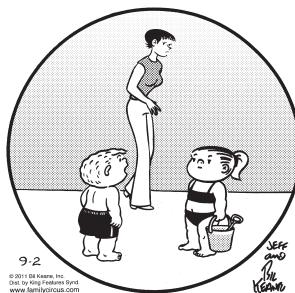
2. Four clubs. You cannot raise partner to four hearts, since he might have only a four-card heart suit. The four-club bid shows a hand with minimum high-card values for the previous jump, and at the same time confirms the length and power of your club suit.

3. Four spades. It is important to let partner know about your excellent spade support and also that your jump to three clubs was based on maximum high-card values. Note that this hand has 17 high-card points, while the two previous ones had only 15. The hope is that partner will continue toward a slam once he knows his anemic spades are facing powerful three-card support. 4. Three notrump. This is a somewhat risky bid

with only one diamond stopper and no guarantee that you can run your club suit, but the only other possible bids – three spades and four hearts – are even more dangerous.

5. Four hearts. Here there is a reasonably good chance for a slam, but you can do no more at this point than raise to game. Allowance must be made for the possibility that partner might not have

much of a hand, and that he might have stretched a bit in responding to three clubs (which was not a forcing bid). If partner has three of the four missing key cards – the A-K of hearts, ace of spades and king Family Circus • Bil Keane



"How come I never get a top to my bathing suit like Dolly always gets?

### Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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This is a logic-based num-

ber placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a num-

ber, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3region must contain only one instance of each numeral.

The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

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### Cryptoquip

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### **Crossword** • Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer

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of clubs - he will presumably appreciate their value for slam purposes. But the impetus for a slam must be provided by partner, not you.

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#### VITAMINS BECAUSE BECAUSE WE HAVE TO. GOOD FOR US. VITAMINS ARE PUNISHMENT. WE LIFE THEM. JUST CHEW THE STUPID PILL! THAT'S PIGHT. **Beetle Bailey •** Mort Walker I'M REHEARSING AREN'T YOU I'M A LITTLE DONE SWEEPING BEHIND MY REQUEST TO SARGE FOR A FURLOUGH

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THEN

### **Blondie •** Chic Young

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**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne

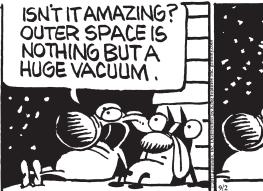
Baby Blues • Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

WE TAKE THEM





**Mother Goose and Grimm •** Mike Peters





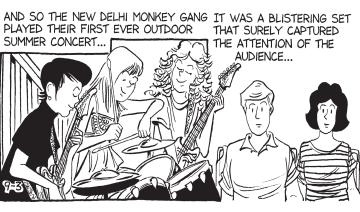


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#### Sally Forth • Greg Howard





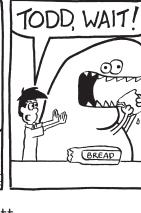




#### Todd the Dinosaur • Patrick Roberts









**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott





